

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 16 has been amended by adding the numeral 107. An annotated sheet of the change is attached hereto, as well a “Replacement Sheet”.

REMARKS

A corrected drawing is enclosed, as requested in the Office Action, as well as a shortened Abstract.

Applicants also enclose a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy showing amendment to the specification to correct the informalities noted in the Office Action. No new matter is involved.

In the amendment to the claims, all claims rejected on the basis of prior art, claims 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12 and 20, have been cancelled. Claims 4, 7, 13, 20 and 21 have been rewritten in independent form and all other remaining claims are dependent directly or indirectly therefrom.

Since the only remaining claims have been indicated as allowable, early action towards allowance of claims 4-9, 13-19, 21 and 22 is respectfully requested.

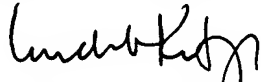
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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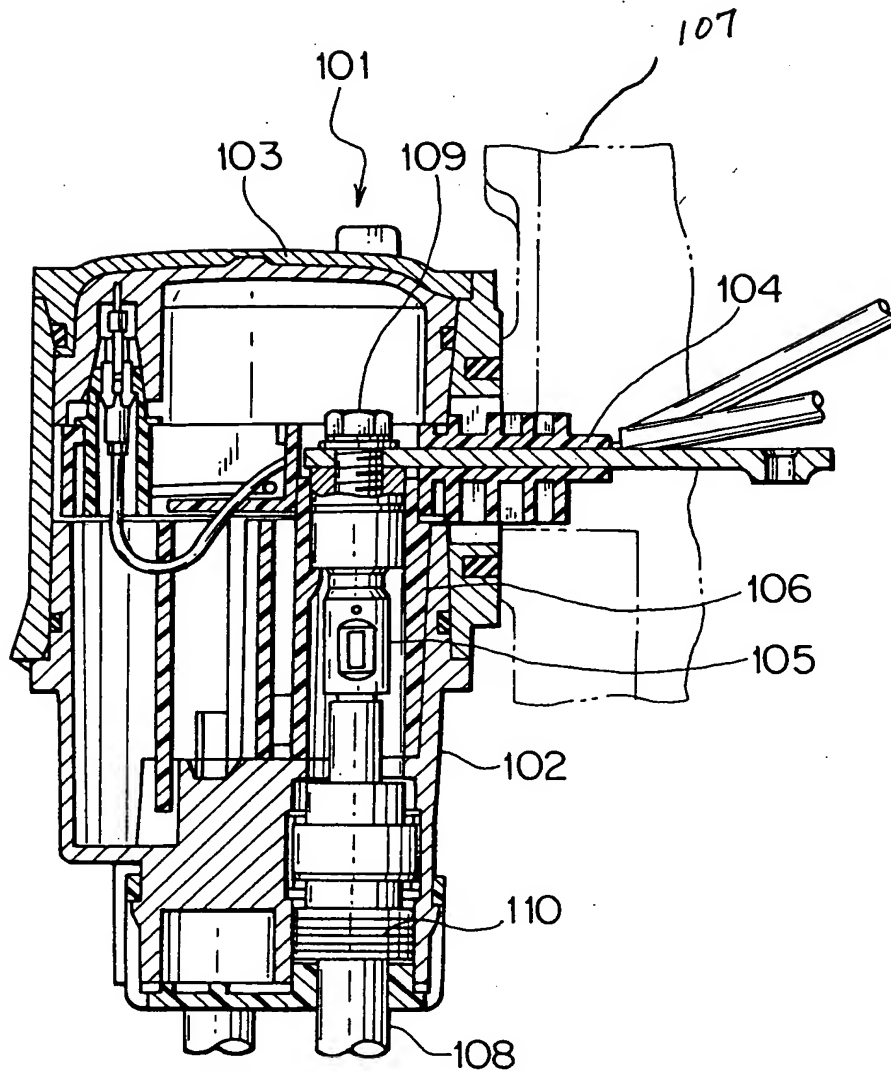
Enclosure: Abstract of the Disclosure
Substitute Sheet of Drawings (Fig. 16)

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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

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PRIOR ART
FIG. 16